



Fact Sheet

South Carolina's Business RECYCLING Assistance Program

WasteWise

What is WasteWise?

WasteWise is a free, voluntary U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) program that helps organizations eliminate costly solid waste, benefitting their bottom line and the environment. WasteWise is a flexible, easy-to-use program that allows partners to design their own solid waste reduction programs tailored to their needs.

Why should an organization join WasteWise?


Waste reduction makes good business sense because it can save your organization money through reduced purchasing and waste disposal costs.


WasteWise provides free technical assistance to help you develop, implement and measure your waste reduction activities.

WasteWise offers publicity to organizations that are successful in reducing waste through U.S. EPA publications, case studies and national and regional events. These events also provide networking opportunities for organizations to share waste reduction ideas and success stories.


How can you be WasteWise?

To be WasteWise, partners join the program for a three-year period and undertake the following activities:

 **Commit to reducing waste.** WasteWise partners examine their operating and purchasing practices to identify cost-effective opportunities for waste reduction.

 **Establish waste reduction goals.** WasteWise partners identify practical and measurable goals based on their specific needs. Within six months of joining, partners set three-year goals in each of the complementary program areas: waste prevention;

recycling collection; and buying or manufacturing products with recycled content.

 **Track progress.** Partners monitor their progress and annually update U.S. EPA on their accomplishments. WasteWise partners find this process to be valuable and often use this information to communicate results to employees, managers and stockholders.

Who can join WasteWise?

Any organization can join. Large and small businesses from any industry sector are welcome to participate. Institutions, such as hospitals and universities, non-profits, and other organizations, as well as state, local and tribal governments are eligible to participate in the program.

How do you join WasteWise?

Complete the registration form found on the back of this page. You also can register on-line at www.epa.gov/wastewise/about/reg.htm.

Be part of a winning combination...

Two of South Carolina's WasteWise partners were honored as part of the 2004 WasteWise Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony. The **City of Greenville** and the **Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC)** both received Rookie Reporter Awards – the only such awards to be presented. MUSC also received an Honorable Mention Award in the College/University Category in recognition of its on-campus activities.

There are nearly 40 WasteWise partners in South Carolina. Existing partners represent business and industry, universities, local governments, state agencies and federal facilities.



The Business Recycling Assistance Program is a partnership of the S.C. Department of Commerce's Recycling Market Development Advisory Council and the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control's Center for Waste Minimization, Small Business Assistance Program and Office of Solid Waste Reduction and Recycling. Its mission is to provide technical assistance opportunities for **waste reduction, recycling, buying recycled and recycling market development** to businesses and industries. For more information, call 1-800-768-7348 or visit www.scdhec.gov/brap. You may also contact Karen Owens, Business Recycling Assistance Program project manager, at (803) 737-0239.

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Preserving Resources,
Preventing Waste

Partner Registration Form

- ☐ **Yes! My organization is ready to become a WasteWise Partner.
Please send me a membership packet.**

(Please complete sections A, B, and C)

- ☐ **I would like more information about the program.**

(Please complete sections A and B)

Section A: How did you hear about the WasteWise program?

- ☐ Another Company, Government, or Institution (Name) _____
- ☐ Direct Mail from WasteWise _____
- ☐ Other EPA Program (Name) _____
- ☐ Periodical/Publication (Name) _____
- ☐ PSA/Advertisement (Location) _____
- ☐ Trade Association (Name) _____
- ☐ WasteWise Website _____
- ☐ Workshop/Conference (Sponsor) _____
- ☐ Other (Specify) _____

Section B: Complete and return for more information or visit our website at <www.epa.gov/wastewise>.

Organization Name: _____

SIC Code or Industry Sector, or Type of Government: _____

Check if a: ☐ Subsidiary or ☐ Division. Name of Parent Company (if applicable): _____

Principal Contact: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Section C: Continue with this section ONLY if you are joining as a partner.

Facilities to be included in initial waste reduction efforts:

(e.g., corporate or government headquarters only, regional facilities, all offices and plants, etc.)

Approximate Total Number of Employees in these Facilities: _____

Signature of Senior Official: _____

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Please fax to WasteWise at 703 308-8686 or register electronically at <www.epa.gov/wastewise/about/reg.htm>.